

# ONTARIO ARGUS

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A story in the Statesman of the 21st, relates how a man from LaGrande was robbed by a land locator. No names are mentioned, which is certainly unfair to all honest locators.

A prize fighter dropped dead in a ring last week and the sport is being condemned as brutal. A death from football or any other sport is all right, because they are more frequent, probably.

One gets so accustomed to the criticisms of the people who know more about running the government than congress, more about the city should be ruled than the mayor, more about how to conduct a first class hotel and regulate the bar than the hotel and so on through the whole game of life, that when a favorable comment is made it is so wholesome and different that we are all compelled to sit up and take notice. Mr. Zimmerman handed us a letter a few days ago from a lady living in the Willamette Valley which contained the following: "I love to read the Ontario Argus, as it contains more news than any other paper of its size in the state of Oregon."

Next time you meet with the knockers club and they start the hammers, think of this woman and see if you cannot find something pleasing to say about the world and the things therein.

The Weiser Signal says that Dr. Roseberry, of Ontario, attended a dance there a few nights ago. Dr. Goldsberry had better do a little advertising down that way.

At this season of the year there is always an effort made to get the hunters and fishermen to take out licenses. In this county the sentiment is opposed to the license because all the license money is expended in the western part of the state and the laws are not such as to better the game and fish conditions here. Recently there was a case in Portland where a deputy got away with several hundred dollars. The people in Idaho feel about the same way, but they do occasionally get a few trout planted. Over there they do not prosecute for anything except not taking out a license, all other offenses are overlooked, which looks, on the face of it, like the license money is the whole thing now and some one wants it bad. All sportsmen believe in the protection of game, but are opposed to petty larceny grafts. The whole thing should be taken out of politics.

Now that school is out the girls and boys will have many weeks in which to develop without the aid of a school teacher, some without even parental guidance, and the manner in which they will spend their time will be a good index of what they will do when they grow to womanhood and manhood's estate and have to enter into real life.

Many of the boys and girls can be seen around the streets at all hours of the day and well

into the night, seeking amusements, and they are miserable because they have nothing to occupy their time and minds.

There is another crowd who are ever busy at something useful, they are happy and cheerful, developing with their years and preparing themselves for the battle of life.

We noticed one small boy around with vegetables for sale and he has a string of customers who are always glad to patronize him. He has every radish and onion spotlessly clean and everything about him is whole. Some, so that people want his stuff. He does his own cultivating, is never for want of something to occupy his mind, and will grow up to fill some useful station in life.

Among the grownups Ontario has another striking illustration of what energy can overcome. There is a man here, who has no legs, who is married and has several children. This man supports the family, is educating the children and developing a home.

Of course we have several of the other class, who do not even support themselves but are dependent on an indulgent father, mother or wife for everything they receive. The members of this latter class are the most miserable of human beings and are always finding fault with their condition and that of everything else in the world.

The boys and girls should study these two classes and decide whether they expect to be useful citizens or merely drones in their journey through life.

A splendid start has been made by the State Immigration commission in the work of attracting immigrants from northern Europe. A German hearing, held recently, was productive of valuable suggestions and many districts will cooperate in bringing settlers here, as well as in aiding them on their arrival. Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and Dutch conferences along the same line will be held by the Commission.

## OLD FISH HATCHERY BUILDING IS BEING TORN DOWN

The old fish hatchery erected here several years ago for the purpose of hatching salmon has been demolished and hauled away and the lands around it are for sale by the fish commissioner. The hatchery was erected about ten years ago, a bill having been introduced in the legislature by Ed Test and passed authorizing the building. The hatchery was conducted several years with good success, one season hatching 25 million eggs and with good management it would have been a paying proposition.

When McAllister was fish warden he concluded it was too far from Portland and ordered it abandoned.

The building was purchased by Canfield and Butler and will be used to build a warehouse.

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## BOISE MAYOR UNDER FIRE

Hodges Declares He is Not Aware Disorderly Houses Operate.

Boise.—Mayor Arthur Hodges, of this city, was placed on trial in the district court here on ouster charges preferred by J. I. Mills, a business man of Boise, charging him with wilful violation of city ordinances and laws of the state by permitting disorderly houses to operate and liquor within them without license.

Mayor Hodges denied, in answer to an amended complaint, that he had knowledge of existence of such places and that so far as he knew they did not operate. The case is one of the

**Marble Creek Decision Set Aside.**  
Coeur d'Alene.—W. H. Battling, register of the Coeur d'Alene land office, received a decision from the general land office at Washington, D. C., which changes all former decisions in connection with the Marble Creek homestead claims, embracing among the cases the state of Idaho vs. Thorpe et al., in township 44, range 2 east. The ruling of the Idaho state court is set aside and the interior department holds that the state selections in township 44, range 2 east are invalid. By the ruling of the interior department the state court proceedings are as though they had never been.

## TURKISH VESSEL HITS MINE

"Nevada" Strikes Three Torpedoes in Gulf of Smyrna.

Smyrna.—More than 100 persons are believed to have been killed when the Turkish steamship Nevada successively struck three torpedoes in the Gulf of Smyrna and was sunk. The French warship Bruix, which was nearby in the gulf, picked up 80 of the passengers and crew of the stricken steamer. The Nevada carried about 200, and so far as known none but those rescued by the Bruix was saved.

The first explosion tore a large hole in the bottom of the steamer, and almost before those on board knew what had happened the vessel struck two more of the submerged mines in quick succession, and almost the entire bottom of the ship was blown out. She sank almost immediately, and those who were saved said they hurried themselves overboard without thought of life or death.

## Boise Mayor Exonerated.

Boise, Idaho.—The Idaho district court decided in favor of Mayor Arthur Hodges in the case brought against him by J. I. Mills, in which it was asked that Hodges be ousted from office because of his alleged failure to enforce certain laws. The court held that while evidence showed the existence of disorderly houses and the illegal sale of liquor in Boise, it had not been proved the mayor had any knowledge of such conditions. It was held also that responsibility for the enforcement of the law lies with the police department.

## LUTHER McCARTY IS KILLED IN PRIZE RING

Calgary.—Luther McCarty, white heavyweight champion of the world, took the count of 10 from Referee Ed Smith, which marked him the loser in the 10-round fight with Arthur Pelkey, and eight minutes later was dead. His death was caused by a chance blow, exactly one minute and 45 seconds after the fight began.

Referee Smith separated the men during a clinch and both squared off. Suddenly McCarty was seen to double up in a crouching attitude. To the spectators it looked simply as a fighting pose. He crouched lower and lower, however, and his eyes rolling; then he collapsed and fell full length on the floor.

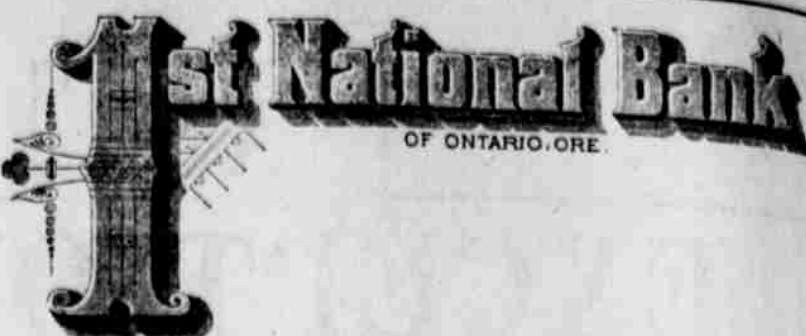
The referee, assuming that McCarty had been knocked out, stood over him to count off the seconds. Arthur Pelkey stood at one side of his fallen adversary. He scarcely realized what had happened. By this time the referee had become alarmed and called for a doctor. The physicians worked over the stricken man for eight minutes, when they pronounced him dead, but continued their efforts for more than an hour.

A coroner's jury exonerated Pelkey of blame for the death. The jury deliberated only a short time before returning the verdict, which also exonerated all principals in the staging of the contest.

## THE MARKETS.

**Portland.**  
Wheat—Club, 93c; bluestem, \$1.00; red Russian, 92c.  
Hay—Timothy, \$18; alfalfa, \$12.  
Butter—Creamery, 28c.  
Eggs—Candled, 21c.  
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Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c; Willamette valley, 16c.

**Seattle.**  
Wheat—Bluestem, 99c; club, 89c; red Russian, 88c.  
Eggs—20c.  
Butter—Creamery, 29c.  
Hay—Timothy, \$18 per ton; alfalfa, \$13 per ton.



## GROWTH OF DEPOSITS

April 4, 1909	\$226,078.74
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